

REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Advisory Action of January 30, 2004, and the accompanying Amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

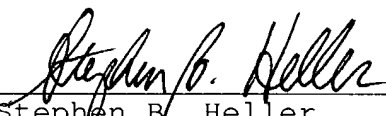
Claims 1-4 and 16-19 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Advisory Action, claims 1-14, 16 and 19 are allowed, and claims 17 and 18 are rejected.

Without conceding in merits of the examiner's obviousness rejections, and reserving the right to file a continuation application directed to the rejected subject matter, applicant, by the foregoing amendment, has canceled claims 17 and 18.

Based upon the foregoing, applicant that the pending claims are allowable over the art cited by the examiner, and an early office action allowing the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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